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KIM PHILBY'S autobiography. My Silent War, has been withdrawn after publication by the publishers. MacGibbon and Kee. The first print was of about 15,000 copies; the book—with an introduction by Graham Greene—was published on September 23 and was on sale for about a week.

MacGibbon and Kee have undertaken not to reveal why My Silent War has been withdrawn. "I'm afraid I can't say anything at all. It is already a fraught situation, and I don't want to make it more fraught", says Mr. David Harrison, sales manager for Granada Publishing.

The publishers are known to have thought seriously about whether they should publish the book. The rights were bought from America, and the British edition is an expurgated version of the American. The Foreign Office say that they have had nothing to do with the withdrawal.